

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING
A LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0027] A method for making a telephone call connection is disclosed. An incoming call is received at a computer in signal communication with a telephone being called. The telephone has an associated sign-up calling plan service billed to a home plan at a home plan rate. In response to the caller replying to a computerized service announcement and requesting that an outgoing call be made, the caller is prompted to enter a personal identification number. In response to the personal identification number being validated, and in response to the caller replying to another computerized service announcement and entering a long distance or international destination telephone number to be called, an outbound call is invoked to the destination number. In response to the destination number being answered, the computer drops off line thereby enabling the caller to communicate with the destination number via the home plan at the home plan rate.